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NFA's New Overseer

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Report Highlights:

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has designated the Presidential Adviser on Agricultural Modernization, Angelito Sarmiento, as overseer of the NFA. The President again announced her intentions of eliminating the NFA's monopoly over rice imports.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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After transferring the National Food Authority (NFA) from the Department of Agriculture (DA) to the Office of the President (OP), President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo recently designated the Presidential Adviser on Agricultural Modernization, Angelito Sarmiento, as overseer of the NFA. According to press reports, the President stated that when the NFA was still under the DA, DA Secretary Leonardo Q. Montemayor was unable to fully monitor its operations including rice importation because of so many other concerns.

Mr. Sarmiento, a former Congressman, was a candidate for Secretary of the Agriculture Department. The President also reiterated her intentions of eliminating the NFA monopoly on rice imports.